

This is a ridiculous requirement to impose on a final HDTV standard that will only slow uptake of HDTV systems. To date, NO copyright protection has gone uncracked for any form of media. DVD, satellite, and game console systems were all cracked and had their copyright protection schemes rendered null. No benefit will come to the consumer from the FCC mandating copyright protection on HDTV because it will only be a matter of time before it will fail, like all previous schemes before it. It will split the market into 2 segments: the general public who is frustrated with the lack of control copyright "protection" will restrict them to, and a small elite group of users who will go to any length to secure the full functionality of products they pay for. Also if copyright protection is ratified, the FCC will have violated the trust of early HDTV adopters such as myself. Many households have already purchased HDTV sets on good faith that the FCC would speed along adoption. Requiring copyright protection will make all of our equipment obsolete, and anger all of us early adopters.